

Carver man dies from injuries at job site

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A construction site on Tremont Street was cordoned off Saturday after an accident in which a man was fatally injured by a saw.

Photo courtesy Duxbury Fire Department

A 28-year-old Carver man has died from the serious injuries he sustained during an accident Saturday at a construction site on Tremont Street near Duxbury Town Hall.

The man, Jason Sanderson, was hit in the neck with a power saw as he was cutting an underground water pipe at approximately 2 p.m. on Nov. 19. His co-worker tried to save him by covering the wound with his clothing and applying pressure until the paramedics arrived.

Sanderson was taken to Beth Israel-Deaconess in Plymouth where he died later that day of his injuries.

The accident occurred at a construction site for two new homes called Newtown Way on the 900 block of Tremont

Street.

Duxbury Fire Department Deputy Captain Christopher West said that Sanderson sustained “traumatic injuries.”

“He was in a trench cutting a piece of pipe when the saw kicked back and struck (him) in the throat,” said West.

Emergency crews including four paramedics raced to the accident and faced a difficult scene, said West.

“They had to go down and try to get him out of the hole and manage him at the same time,” West said. “I give credit to all involved. The paramedics in the back of the ambulance did a (great) job to try to manage the injuries. All of the people involved gave 100 percent to try to save him.”

West said that Sanderson was a subcontractor working for the developers of the property. Duxbury Police Chief Matthew Clancy said Sanderson was married and the father of three young children. He was a full-time employee with the Middleborough water department. Clancy said he had spoken to the Middleborough town administrator and learned that that town was “pretty shaken up” about Sanderson’s death. The young man was regarded as a hardworking, well-thought of in that town, said Clancy.

“It’s just a tragedy,” he said. “Your heart goes out to the family. An accident like this at any time of year is awful but with the upcoming holiday, it’s really horrible.”

Clancy said Duxbury police were investigating the accident because any industrial or construction accident that results in injury or death is treated by police like a crime scene.

“Certain violations can result in criminal charges,” he said, although he added he doesn’t think that this is a case of anything more than an accidental death.

The state police, the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents and OSHA, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, are also investigating the accident. West said OSHA was on at the accident site by 3:50 p.m. Saturday.